

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS**

**Connecticut Arts Council Meeting – via Conference Call  
Friday, March 17, 2017  
1 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Fritz Jellinghaus, Amy Wynn, Ted Yudain, Mary Ellen Eckels, Karen Osbrey, Catherine Smith

**Absent:** Jimmy Greene, Mary DeCroce, Jan Dilenschneider, Helen Klisser During, Lisa Scails

**Staff:** Kristina Newman-Scott, Bonnie Koba, Tamara Dimitri, Adriane Jefferson, Rhonda Olisky

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Amy Wynn, seconded by Ted Yudain to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2016 and February 27, 2017.

(Y-5; N-0; Abstain: Karen Osbrey)

**III. Chairman's Report**

No report.

**IV. Director's Report**

Kristina Newman-Scott reported that CT Arts Day was a wonderful success. We had over 400 participants register. We also had about 50 registrants representing the non-arts sector. COA has sent out a survey to all the participants and we will share results at our next board meeting.

Kristina Newman-Scott stated that for next year we will be moving the event to a new venue; most likely the Convention Center in Hartford. COA's goal is to increase participation to 800 people. In addition, CT Arts Day will be held in April rather than March. COA will be creating a task force of about 15 people, which will include staff, board members, and legislators

Kristina reported that on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) held a national conference call to give an update regarding the President's FY 2018 budget which proposes the elimination of the NEA. Laura Scanlan, Director of State and Regional Partnerships at the NEA, informed the NEA has funds in place for FY18. However, there is a possibility of a government shutdown for April and therefore are proceeding cautiously.

Kristina and Bonnie Koba will be attending Arts Advocacy Day in Washington, DC next week and hope to be able to share a better and clearer update on the status of the NEA at the next board meeting.

## **V. Action Items**

### **Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship**

It is recommended that the CT Arts Council approve three (3) grants in the amount of \$2,500 each for the FY17 Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowships totaling \$7,500.

Motion: Amy Wynn

Seconded: Ted Yudain

(Y-6; N-0; Abstain-0)

### **CT Arts Endowment Fund**

It is recommended that the CT Arts Council approve one hundred fourteen (114) Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund grants totaling \$397,354.

Motion: Catherine Smith

Seconded: Karen Osbrey

Recused: Amy Wynn and Ted Yudain

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain-0; Recuse-2)

**VI. Other Business**

No other business.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Amy Wynn, seconded by Ted Yudain to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

The next Arts Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the DECD/CT Office of the Arts offices.

Respectfully submitted by,

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